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CLOCKER'S FANCY

St. Mary's City

Private

*late 17th or early 18th*  
~~late 17th~~ century

It is generally believed that this small, 1½-story frame house with later wings may be the oldest house still standing within the site of the 17th century settlement of St. Mary's City. Construction of the house is attributed to Daniel Clocker who arrived in St. Mary's City in 1636 as an indentured servant to Thomas Cornwaleys. Extensive 20th century renovations have left little of the original fabric intact.

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(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

Clocker's Fancy

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Daniel Clocker's House

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rose Croft Road

CITY OR TOWN:

St. Mary's City

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

St. Mary's County

CODE

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>		
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>		
					No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>			
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>				
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>					
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>					

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Mrs. L.M. Heagy &amp; Mrs. A.C. McKenney

STREET AND NUMBER:

Clocker's Fancy

CITY OR TOWN:

St. Mary's City

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 16

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

MHT-HABS Inventory (M. Bourne)

DATE OF SURVEY: March 15, 1968

Federal ☐State ☒County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

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STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Clocker's Fancy is a Maryland Manor house (of modest size) of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  stories with frame sides and brick end walls. The east end chimney is within the wall, while the stack on the west end is free-standing. The facade is three bays with two small windows and a narrow door. There are two peaked dormers on each side of the wood shingle roof. River, or south side has a covered porch, the roof of which breaks at an angle from the main roof (uncluttered view, p 39 Forman, Early Manors). Additions to the east and west were added in 1917, when the front porch (north side) was added and the interior brick nogging was removed. Wing furthest to the east was added in the late 1950s. The interior of the early section of the house is two rooms (one slightly larger than the other), there is no entrance hallway, and some panelling remains.

To the west of the house is a square, frame smoke house with a pyramidal roof. (The smokehouse, a plan, and a drawing of the probably appearance of Clocker's Fancy appear on page 6 in Forman's Maryland Architecture 1968).

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☒19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Mid- to Late-17th C. (Forman: c.1658)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Clocker's Fancy, along with the nearby Leigh House, is believed to be one of the oldest houses in the county and in the state. Although the house now appears to be generally early 18th century, everything, such as the smallness of the windows, the irregular two room plan lacking a central hallway, and the size, all suggest an early date, probably mid-17th century. Clocker's Fancy is similar to other Southern Maryland manor houses with its frame sides and brick ends, however, if we judge by Forman's drawing of the house's original appearance (Maryland Architecture p 6), it is of the same general type as contemporaneous houses in Virginia, such as the Adam Thoroughgood House, 1636-40 and the Warburton House, c1680, and must therefore be classified one of the few remnants of the early Colonial (or late 'Medieval') style in America.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

H.C. Forman, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland 1934  
p 39  
Maryland Architecture 1968 p 6

Hugh Morrison, Early American Architecture 1952 Chapter on Southern  
Colonial Architecture for similar houses and plans

Mrs. L.M. Heagy, Clocker's Fancy, St. Mary's City, Md.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan		
ORGANIZATION University of Delaware	DATE June 6, 1969	
STREET AND NUMBER: Department of Art History		
CITY OR TOWN: Newark,	STATE Delaware	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Clocker's Fancy					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Rose Croft Road					
CITY OR TOWN: St. Mary's City					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: St. Mary's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments _____ _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. L. M. Heagy & Mrs. A. C. McKenney    Strick Parker 3LK 3/12/93					
STREET AND NUMBER: Clocker's Fancy					
CITY OR TOWN: St. Mary's City			STATE: Md.		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		



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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Clocker's Fancy is a Maryland manor house of modest size, of 1½ stories with frame sides and brick gable ends. The east end chimney is within the wall while the west end stack is free standing. The facade is three bays long with two small windows and a narrow door. There are two peaked dormers on the wood shingle gable roofs (each side). The river (south) side has a porch with the roof breaking from the main roof. Additions to the east and west were added in 1917, when the front porch was added and interior brick nogging removed. The wing to the far east was built in the late 1950s. The interior of the earliest part has two rooms, no hall, and panelling.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Although Henry C. Forman gives a mid-18th century date for Clocker's Fancy, the house is at least early 18th century and is similar to other southern Maryland manor houses with its frame sides and brick ends. The smallness of the windows, irregular plan with a lack of a central hall, and the size of the house suggest an early date, although generally it appears to be early 18th century. It is believed to be, with Leigh House, one of the oldest in the county.

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 16 acres

Acreage Justification:

# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		William Morgan	
ORGANIZATION		DATE	
Maryland Historical Trust		June 6, 1969	
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	

# 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY <b>St. Mary's County</b>		INVENTORY	SM - 9
TOWN <b>St. Mary's City</b>	VICINITY	2. NAME <b>Clocker's Fancy</b>	
STREET NO.		DATE OR PERIOD <b>17th century</b>	
ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Daniel Clocker</b>		STYLE <b>Colonial</b>	
ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b>		ARCHITECT	
PRESENT OWNER <b>Mrs. L. M. Heagy</b>		BUILDER	
PRESENT USE <b>Dwelling</b>		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Frame</b>			
NO. OF STORIES <b>1-1/2</b>			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>NO</b>	
<p><b>Clocker's Fancy is a 1-1/2 story house with brick gable-ends and frame facades. It is three bays long with central door on each facade. There are 2 peaked dormers on the roof. The west gable is laid in Flemish bond and has a free-standing chimney and a small casement window south of the chimney on the second floor. The east chimney is within the building. There is a small porch over the center, north door and a screened porch across the entire south facade. There have been later additions attached to each gable.</b></p> <p><b>To the east of the house stands an out-building with a pyramidal roof.</b></p> <p><b><u>Good condition</u></b></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b>Forman, Henry Chandlee</b> <b><u>Early Manor and Plantation Houses</u></b> <b><u>of Maryland, 1934 - page 39</u></b>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>Michael O. Bourne</b> <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>  DATE OF RECORD <b>March 15, 1968</b>	

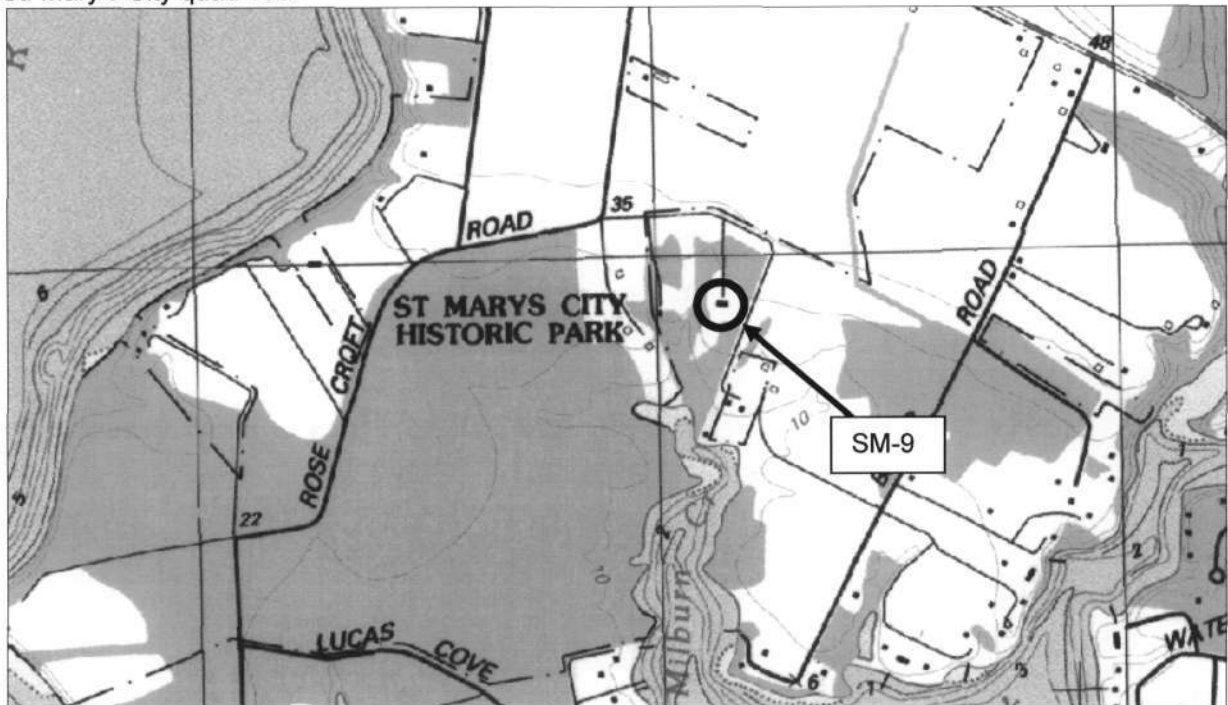


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Clarke's Freehold (Daniel Clocker IV House, Clocker's Fancy)

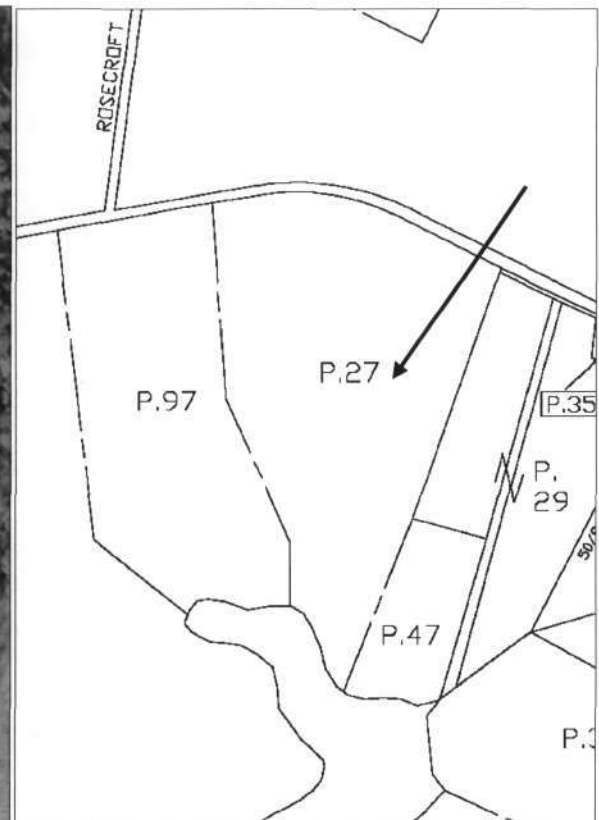
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St. Mary's City quad 1987



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto  
Map, c. 2010

St. Mary's County Tax Map 63, Parcel 27



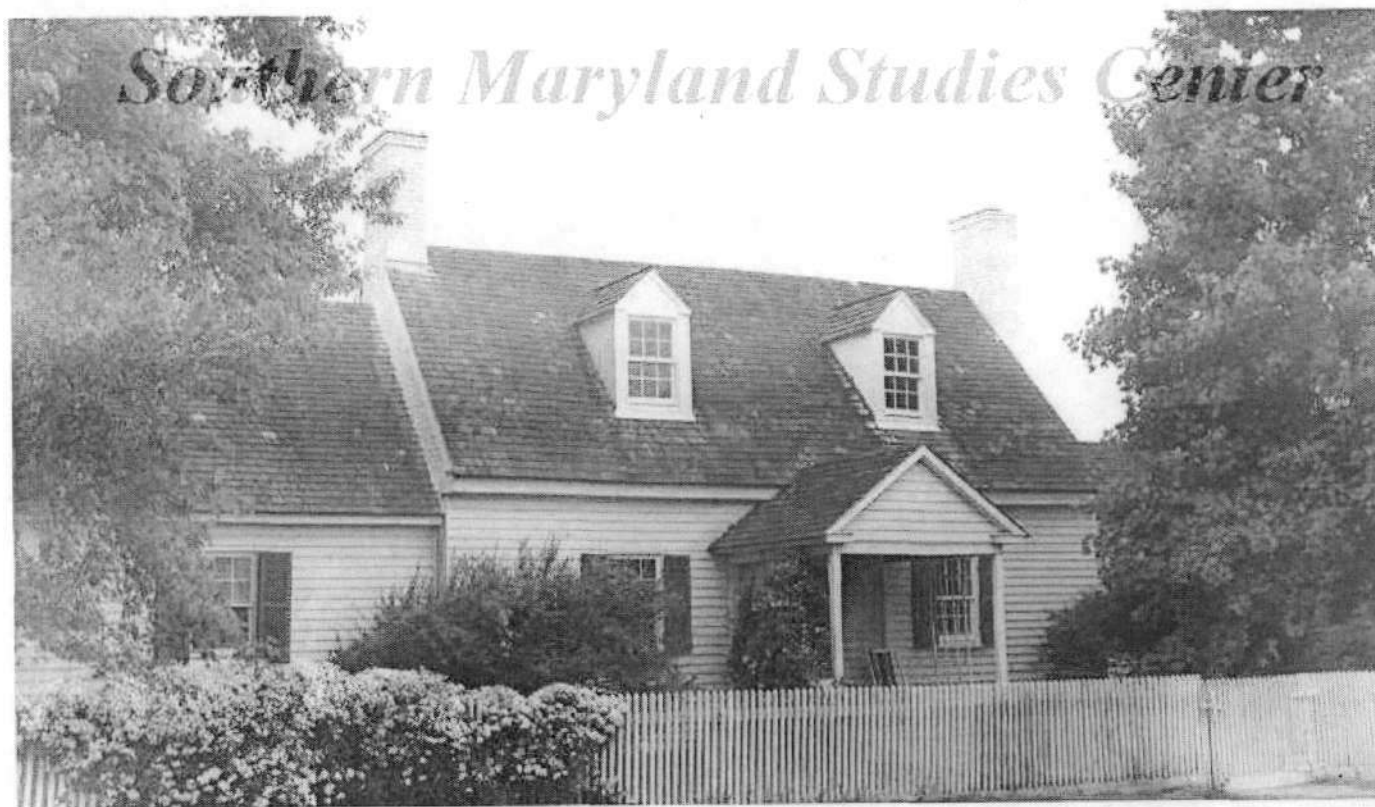
SM-9 Clarke's Freehold (Daniel Clocker IV House)

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilfong

1930s photograph of the early-mid 18<sup>th</sup> century Clarke's Freehold house or the Daniel Clocker IV house, erroneously identified as Clocker's Fancy. The house is a one story wood frame and brick structure with an interior end wall chimney on the left, and an exterior end wall chimney on the right. The central partition has a central door with pedimented portico, and a window with shutters on either side, and two dormers on the roof. The two wings on either side of the center part each have windows with shutters. There is a picket fence and gate in front of the house, with a flowering vine on it.

*Southern Maryland Studies Center*

*Accession # 2001.04*





CLOCKER'S FANCY, ST. MARY'S COUNTY SM-9  
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